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NEW FACULTY, COURSES ADDED

FIFTH YEAR BEGINS; 61 FRESHMEN ENROLLED

When the school bells began ringing on Sept. 2, Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine opened its doors for the fifth year with the highest enrollment in its history.

Two full-time faculty members, a director of social services and two new third-year courses have been added, according to Edward T. Newell, D.O., vice-president for academic affairs.

Enrollment figures reached 190 with the first-year class having 61 members. Student-doctors in the remaining classes are second-year, 53; third-year, 51; and fourth-year, 25. This is an increase of 44 students from the 1973-74 enrollment of 146.

Speaking on this school year President Marion E. Coy, D.O., said he hopes the college can make as much progress this year as it has in the past years.

New faculty members are Paul Q. Proffitt, D.O., associate director of clinics, and Earle F. Starkey, D.O., clinical assistant professor in pathology.



Paul Proffitt, D.O.
Clinical Services...

Tom Wise will be serving as director of social work services.

New third-year classes being offered this year are in dermatology and medical jurisprudence.

A graduate of Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCCOM), Dr. Proffitt was in private practice in Fort Worth before joining TCOM. He served his internship at the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital in 1972.

Dr. Proffitt received a bachelor of science in chemistry from Texas Wesleyan College.

He is married and he and his wife, Beverly, have two children—Jason, 3, and Sally, 5 months.

Prior to joining TCOM, Dr. Starkey was an assistant professor of pathology at KCCOM. He attended medical school and served



Earle F. Starkey, D.O.
...Pathology

ADDITIONAL SERVICES NOW OFFERED STUDENTS

Student life should be a vital and significant aspect of a student's experience, according to Walter Lee Brake, Ph.D., director of the newly formed Department of Student Services.

Dr. Brake said his goal is "to further develop the various areas or services in order that students may experience a more meaningful and worthwhile academic experience."



Dr. Walter Brake
Student Affairs...

He will also serve as personnel director for the college.

Before coming to TCOM, Dr. Brake was with North Texas State University for three years. While on a doctoral fellowship he served as Administrative Assistant in the College of Education and as Extension Director. He was most recently Asst. to the Dean of the School of Community Services and Continuing Education.

He has had extensive experience in counseling and has taught psychology at Midland Junior College and in Missouri public schools.

He graduated from Ouachita University in 1960 with a B.A. in psychology and physical education.

A year later he earned a M.Ed. in guidance and counseling from the University of Missouri. His Ph.D. came in May of this year from NTSU, where he majored in higher education administration and minored in student services and psychology.

An avid sports fan, he enjoys softball, swimming, basketball, golf and tennis. He and his wife, Barbara, have three children, Todd—8, Scott—7 and Lynn—5.

a residency at KCCOM. He interned at the hospitals of KCCOM in 1961. After completing his internship, he was in general practice in Independence, Mo.

Dr. Starkey is a graduate of the University of North Dakota where he received a bachelor of science in medicine and a bachelor of arts in sociology and languages.

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NOTABLES

Highest grade point average in the class of '77 during its first year was shared by S/D MICHAEL KLETT and S/D RODNEY PEASE, both of whom scored 3.98 out of a possible 4.0; second place honors went to S/D JAMES GILLELAND with a 3.90 average. . .It's estimated that MEMBERS of the first and second year classes attending NTSU add about \$57,000 monthly to Denton's ECONOMY. . .FIFTY-FIVE of the incoming class of '78 are TEXANS. . .The LARRY FARRS—he's in his FOURTH year—are PARENTS of a daughter born July 28; her name is LISA RENEE. . .President COY and MARVIN HERRING, director of admissions and REGISTRAR, were August guests at Herring's alma mater, East Texas State University, where Dr. Coy spoke to Pre-med and administrative officials on Osteopathy: Past, Present and Future. . .RAY STOKES has lost a "hat" and found a "hat" during the summer. He turned his loan officer duties over to his former assistant KITTY BATES and became administrative officer (Sec.-Treas.) of the Alumni Association of Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. . .Dr. DAVID WIMAN, '74, East Town Osteopathic Hospital, Dallas, intern, is the first alumni PRESIDENT. . .In a joint venture between TCOM's Mobile CLINIC and the Community Action Agency some 238 school CHILDREN were given immunization SHOTS in July and August. . .Dr. Edward T. NEWELL, vice president of academic affairs recently was elected CHAIRMAN of Council of Deans, American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine; he also has been elected to the Regional Advisory Group of the Regional Medical Program of Texas during a July conference in HOUSTON. . .KEN COFFELT, head of the AV department, has been elected treasurer of the Osteopathic Educational Communications Association. . .SHEILA RAE RAMSEY, first Alumni offspring, was born in July to Dr. and Mrs. Jesse Ramsey of El Paso. . .Three TCOM student-doctors won HONORS in AOA's 1973-74 Medical Writing Contest, Literature Review Category. They are: S/D Steven PRICE, first place tie, \$100; S/D John ANGELO, second place, \$150; and S/D James LEATHERWOOD, third place, \$75.

A good supervisor is one who can step on your toes without messing up your shoe-shine.



LITTLE BLACK BAG—Dr. Terry Parvin, left, class of '74, receives a gift from Ken Heaton, sales representative of Eli Lilly and Company, donor of medical doctor's bags to TCOM's first graduating class.



FIRST GRADUATE—Dr. George J. Luibel, board chairman, awards a diploma to Dr. Weldon Eugene Rowland, first member of his '74 classmates to graduate.

DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT NAMED

A former newspaper reporter and instructor of journalism at North Texas State University, Verlie McAlister has joined TCOM as assistant to the director of development and public relations.

Prior to joining TCOM she was a graduate teaching fellow in journalism at NTSU and taking courses towards a Master in Journalism. She received a Bachelor of Science in Education from NTSU in 1971 with emphasis in journalism and political science.

Miss McAlister worked as Youth Editor and staff writer for the Abilene Reporter-News from 1971 to 1973.

A native of Abilene, she is a member of Society of Professional Journalist, Sigma Delta Chi, Women in Communications, Inc., and Kappa Tau Alpha.



VERLIE McALISTER

As an undergraduate at NTSU she was assistant editor of the yearbook and president of WICI. She was faculty advisor of WICI last year.



FINANCIAL AID is the prime function of this committee charged with scholarship and loan functions. Members of the Scholarship and Loan Committee are: from left, Dr. John Gaugl; Dr. Henry B. Hardt, now retired; Dr. T. Robert Sharp; Ray Stokes, chairman; Dr. Mel Johnson; and Mrs. Joan Swaim, secretary. Mrs. Kitty Bates, who took this photo, is now the TCOM loan officer and a member of the committee.

Four members of the first graduating class shared singular honors for outstanding achievement. They were Drs. David Ray, Nelda Cuniff, Paul Livingston and John Sessions.

Dr. Ray of Bridgeport received the Undergraduate General Practitioner of the Year award, sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. T. Robert Sharp of Mesquite.



DR. RAY



DR. CUNIFF



DR. LIVINGSTON

The lone woman graduate, Dr. Cuniff of Fort Worth was presented the Upjohn Pharmaceutical Company Achievement Award which carried with it a \$150 check.

Dr. Livingston of Comanche graduated with the highest grade point average of any member of his class. His 3.57 topped the list.

Dr. Sessions of Mansfield was honored for outstanding comprehension of the osteopathic principles and concepts. The award was given by Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stockseth of Corpus Christi. Mr. Stockseth is a TCOM board member.



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P. R. COMMENTS by Verlie McAlister

Public Relations, according to HYPO magazine from Doctors Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, is a term which is uttered in a glib way, without understanding what it really means.

If, when a boy meets a girl, he tells her how lovely she is and how much he loves her, that is SALES PROMOTION. If, instead, he impresses on her how wonderful he is, that's ADVERTISING. But, if the girl seeks him out because she has heard from others how great he is, that's PUBLIC RELATIONS.

The primary goals of Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine are to train future physicians and to acquaint and educate the public with TCOM and its services and facilities.

Since public opinion is formed through good public relations, it is essential that everyone becomes a member of the public relations team.

Medical schools are providing a place for dedicated persons to learn a greatly needed skill—the ability to serve the health needs of all persons. Each of us must inspire public confidence in our future doctors.

Public relations is the avenue through which public confidence is built and it is the responsibility of each person to strengthen the building process. Public relations is the foundation and framework of a good public image.

If every member of our team understands the impact his actions and attitudes have on the progress and success of TCOM, we know our public relations responsibilities will be met.

Dr. Henry B. Hardt has retired. . .

With more than 50 years in higher education to his credit, Dr. Hardt for the second time in his illustrious career has chosen to step aside and "watch" the parade go by. The first time was his retirement from TCU in 1968.

For five years he served TCOM in three top administrative roles—from a period of uncertainty and insecurity to a time of total fulfillment. His "baby" which "wasn't born full grown" became of age during Dr. Hardt's tenure. . . and now he's gone from the campus scene.

Accolades and tributes to TCOM's first chief executive are certainly in order. He deserves them.

He is missed. And in some way TCOM is better for having had him set the pace for others to follow. . . a salute to the living—Dr. Hardt!



'76 CLASS OFFICERS—In roles of leadership in this year's Junior class are, from left, S/D Tom Hemmer, secretary-treasurer; S/D Ron Jones, president; and S/D Art Propst, vice president. Propst also is president of the TCOM Student Council.

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In youth we want to change the world. In old age we want to change youth.

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GRANT—Mr. John W. Cox (center), Fort Worth board member of the J. E. and L. E. Mabree Foundation in Tulsa, presents a \$102,000 donation to Dr. M. E. Coy, TCOM president, while Ray Stokes, director of development, looks on.

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PROJECTION — Architect George Sowden explains future building plans at a recent TCOM board meeting. Director Mrs. Leo Koetting, left, and Mrs. Judy Slagle, executive secretary to the president, give attention to the speaker's remarks.

FIFTH YEAR (Continued from page 1)

As director of social work services Wise will be involved in accepting referrals from the clinics and Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital where social or financial situations may hamper treatment or favorable prognosis of a patient.

He will also be serving as a liaison between community social agencies and as a counselor for TCOM students, faculty and staff.

Wise said future plans for his department include developing and presenting material to the students as to the use of social work services and agencies in the community.

Before joining TCOM Wise was chief of community services for the Tarrant County Hospital District. Prior to that he was with the Veterans Administration for nine years.

Wise has a bachelor of science from the University of Southern Mississippi and a master of social work from Florida State University at Tallahassee.

He is married and he and wife, Freda, have two children—Jim, 18, and Tracy, 10.

Teaching the dermatology course will be Drs. John A. Dickinson, James D. Mayberry, Charles F. McCluer, Thomas L. Shields and Edmund N. Walsh. All five doctors are in private practice in Fort Worth.

Instructors for the medical jurisprudence course will be Fort Worth attorneys Sharon Gabert, Charles Leeper and Laurance Priddy. All are with the firm of Busch, Leeper, Priddy & Gabert.

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SCHOLARSHIP DONORS—Dr. Henry B. Hardt, left, accepts a \$500 check from Mrs. Henry Estell Sharp of Wichita Falls. The check represents the first annual "named" scholarship given to TCOM. The award, made in memory of Mrs. Sharp's late husband, is given by their daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Coleman of Dallas. Winner of the initial award is sophomore Mike Klett of Fredericksburg, the outstanding Texas student in his freshman class.



VIDEO-TAPE PRESENTATION—Edward T. Newell, D.Q., vice-president for academic affairs, center, accepts a copy of a video-tape program on bronchio-pulmonary infection from Dr. Frank R. Grob of New York, N. Y., left, assistant manager for medical education for Pfizer, Inc. The special closed-circuit seminar was sponsored by Pfizer. Also representing Pfizer at the presentation was Fred Smith, right, district manager for the Fort Worth laboratories.